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SUBJ: CSCE: BASKET III

1. AMBASSADOR MARIAN DOBROSIELSKI (PROTEC), CHIEF OF THE POLISH CSCE DELEGATION AND A FRIEND OF MINE SINCE 1957 TOLD ME TODAY THAT THE REASON FOR THE SOVIET STALLING AFTER THE EASTER BREAK WAS SHARP DISAGREEMENT WITHIN THE SOVIET POLIT-BUREAU ABOUT BREZHNEV'S DETENTE POLICIES. HE ADDED THAT BREZHNEV IS NOW OVER THAT CRISIS TEMPORARILY BUT THAT HIS FREEDOM OF ACTION HAS BEEN CURTAILED.

2. DOBROSIELSKI WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT WESTERN POSSIBILITIES OF GAINING MEANINGFUL BASKET III SPECIFICS AS Y.V. DUBININ WHO HEADS BASKET III FOR THE SOVIETS IS A HARD-LINER WHO DOES NOT FOLLOW DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KOVALEV'S INSTRUCTIONS. I EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT SOVIET DISCIPLINE COULD BE SO LAX AND POINTED OUT THAT KOVALEV IS ALLEGEDLY CLOSE TO GROMHKO. DOBROSIELSKI AGREED THAT KOVALEV HAD THE CONFIDENCE OF GROMYKO BUT SAID DUBININ WAS AEL CONNECTED WITH ANTI-BREZHNEV FORCES AND ACTS INDEPENDENTLY.

3. THE US DELEGATION HERE, AS HAVE OTHER WESTERN DELEGATIONS, HAS SUSPECTED THAT DUBININ WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY OF OUR

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DIFFICULTIES BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME OUR SUSPICIONS HAVE

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